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Subject: public submission on Randwick Council's proposed rate increase
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Dear sir/madam

I am rate payer to the Randwick Council and I have recently read the article entitled "Council not honest about rate rise" published in the local newspaper the Southern courier (page 19) dated 6 March 2018.

As a rate payer, I support the article in that not enough public consultation has been sought in relation to the rate increase, esp. given that the survey was conducted during the holiday period and there would be a large proportion of the community travelling during that time.

In addition to the low response rate (5%) to the council's proposed public consultation on the rate increase, there has been no formal communication or insufficient communication sent from the randwick council to the residents and also not sufficient time was given to give a considered response, considering that many property owners would be overseas or travelling or are investors and communication would have to be passed from the property managers to the owners.

I am concerned about the proposed rate increase which is a significant increase and is a permanent increase, and how it was done in an apparently non-transparent manner and lack of due process. I therefore urge IPART to conduct a thorough review and investigate why Randwick council claims to be the only council in Sydney to seek such a variation over the 2.3% set by IPART, otherwise it cannot maintain basic services/service its debt (debt-servicing supposedly would have been thoroughly considered at the time before the council had undertaken the debt).

Regards,

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